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## STM voters to consider cannabis income for water plant

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

Plant, dedicating cannabis money on STM warrant

WARE – At their Tuesday meeting SelectBoard members voted 4-1 to recommend Special Town Meeting voters dedicate money from cannabis businesses to pay for the \$13.3 million water filtration plant. SelectBoard member John

Morrin voted against doing so.

There will be two STM meetings on April 10, with one covering items that were gathered for the fall STM, but put off due to COVID-19 numbers, and a second to take up the water filtration plant issues.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley provided the board Tuesday with a list of projected revenue from retail and cultivation cannabis businesses, which have already been approved by the town.

Beckley also said the town

would not have to start making \$550,000 annual loan payments for the plant until two to three years after it was built. At that point, there would be additional revenue from cannabis businesses coming online in 2023 and 2024, each of

which are estimated to bring in \$100,000 a year, according to the table provided by Beckley. The revenue figures have been estimated conservatively, he said.

Curaleaf, a retail cannabis shop on West Street, will have been operating for almost a year soon, and is expected to pay the town \$100,000 in July. A second retail

shop, B’Leaf, is expected to open some time this summer, he said, and should bring in \$80,000 by next April.

SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney said he was worried about B’Leaf being able to open this summer, but Beckley said the busi-

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## Alternate ambulance figure to be determined

Fire chief proposes determining a new figure

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – At Tuesday’s SelectBoard meeting Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon proposed finding a contract price for Hardwick ambulance coverage that Hardwick and Ware could both agree on, and the board agreed to meet with him soon in executive session about what that number might be.

The Ware Fire Department has a contract to provide ambulance service to Hardwick, which ends in June and must be renegotiated. The cost to Hardwick for the past year has been \$77,000, but Ware has determined the actual cost to be \$133,000, and notified Hardwick the cost would be going up in July.

Hardwick has said it cannot afford \$133,000, and has begun talking with West Brookfield Rescue Squad and Barre Fire Department.

Gagnon said if Hardwick signs with other ambulance providers, since Ware has mutual-aid agreements with both West Brookfield and Barre, “it will come back to us anyway.”

The closure of Mary Lane’s satellite emergency facility, which Baystate Health wants to have done by the end of June, will be doubling many calls for Ware as well as other surrounding ambulance services, he said. If Hardwick signs with another ambulance service, he said due to travel times to even the nearest hospital, Wing Memorial in Palmer, Ware will likely have to make additional runs to Hardwick under mutual aid.

“Right now, I’d like the opportunity to come up with a firm number, to see if there’s a number in the middle point for them,” Gagnon said.

Last year when a new price for Hardwick’s ambulance service was discussed, Gagnon said he came up with the cost of the service to Ware. The cost of the service was determined to be \$133,000. Ware receives about \$96,000 in billable calls from Hardwick customers through their health insurance, in addition to the \$77,000 Hardwick pays directly. At that time, Gagnon

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## BRIDGE BUILDING CONTINUES



Courtesy photo by Michael Moscatelli

WARREN – Workers on the bridge near the Fire Station had good weather last Friday as they prepared for concrete pouring.

## Barre/West Brookfield propose split EMS coverage

Full-time truck driver/laborer approved

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK –At their meeting on Tuesday, March 16, Board of Selectmen member Julie Quink said she spoke with both Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski and West Brookfield Rescue Squad

President Dan McCall separately, and both agencies felt comfortable providing services to Hardwick even with Mary Lane Hospital’s emergency room closing.

Both McCall and Chief Rogowski could be ready to provide EMS coverage by July 1. Both agencies would work together with Barre Fire covering the Wheelwright section of town, WBRS covering the rest of town and Ware still providing

mutual aid as needed. Quink said Barre Fire is already providing a lot of ALS service to Hardwick. Board of Selectmen Chairman Kenan Young asked Quink what her recommendation was. Quink said Barre covering Wheelwright made sense and WBRS was able to respond to west Hardwick in reasonable time.

Barre Fire also made a proposal to cover all of Hardwick.

Quink said the Central Massachusetts Emergency

Direction service zone plan would need to be updated, regardless of what provider they choose for EMS coverage. Quink said that opting for split coverage from both agencies “would still be a savings for the town over what we’re paying currently,” regarding their agreement with Ware. Board of Selectmen member Kelly Kemp agreed that splitting coverage between Barre Fire and

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## Mass Wildlife proposes first license fee increases in 26 years

By Tyler S. Witkop  
Correspondent

Flashback to the year 1996. Bill Clinton began his second term as U.S. president, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls won their fourth NBA title and a gallon of gasoline cost \$1.23.

In Massachusetts, resident hunting and fishing licenses increased to \$22.50 and a trapping license rose to \$30.50.

Despite drastic changes to everyday life with the advent of the internet and smartphone technology that connects people to

goods and services anywhere on the globe with the push of a button, those license fees remain as one of the few relics from 1996 still in place today.

Now, facing drastic increases in both costs and services, and declining revenues, the state’s Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing its first increase in license fees, to go in effect in 2022.

To better inform the public of the rationale and license structure, MassWildlife is offering a series of online informational sessions via Zoom through-

out the month. The last will take place Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. To participate, visit [www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding#how-will-masswildlife-fund-conservation-in-the-future](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding#how-will-masswildlife-fund-conservation-in-the-future)?

MassWildlife Director Mark Tisa informed participants of a March 9 informational session that each year, roughly 500 bodies of water are stocked with trout with nearly half being 12-inches or larger, more than 40,000 pheas-

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State fishing and hunting licenses may go up for the first time in 25 years. The state’s Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stocks about 500 bodies of water with trout. These fish are rainbow trout.

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# Town Hall to reopen to the public on Monday

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – SelectBoard members voted to reopen Town Hall to the public beginning on Monday, March 22, although Health Director Judy Metcalf recommended it be delayed until April.

SelectBoard Vice Chairman Keith Kruckas said residents ask him every week why the Town Hall isn't open to the public yet, and it should re-opened as soon as possible.

"The school is completely open and teachers go to work there every day," SelectBoard member John Morrin. "The town should have to do it too."

Metcalf suggested waiting until early April as many Town Hall employees and others in town haven't received COVID-19 vaccines yet.

"It's a fallacy that people aren't upset that Town Hall is closed," Kruckas said. "Why would you not listen to the health director's recommendation?" asked resident Terrance Smith.

As people talked over each other at that point, SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney gaveled the discussion and ended it.

Town Hall employee, Mary Midura, who is the administrative assistant for Town Manager Stuart Beckley and the SelectBoard, said the senior citizens who had volunteered to make sure people sign the register and guide them to the right location may be reluctant to start until they have both of their COVID-19 vaccines. Whitney said town employees could take turns as greeters until the volunteers can do that task.

The Town Hall will be open between

8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and employees and visitors will have follow six-foot social distancing and wear masks, and sanitize their hands. Sanitization protocols for the building will have to be put in place.

When visitors enter Town Hall they will sign a register for contract tracing purposes, confirm they are feeling well, have not had COVID-19 or been in contact with others who have had it.

Vaccinated greeters will meet visitors at the door, get them signed in and keep track of capacity in the building.

If a monitor is not available, the Town Hall door will be locked and the door bell system will be used, with the employee answering the door following the log-in protocols.

One visitor for each department will be allowed and spacing circles will be in the hallway to ensure spacing between visitors and employees is maintained.

All visitors and employees will have to wear masks, and if visitors arrive without a mask, they will be offered one. Those who cannot or will not wear a mask will use the drop box outside the Town Hall or be met outdoors for service.

All offices being visited will have plexiglass separation and after each visitor, contact surfaces such as counters and plexiglass will be sanitized. Town Hall will be closed between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily to allow offices and common areas to be cleaned.

There will also be additional sanitization by fogging during the week. In addition to weekend fogging, the building will be sanitized on Wednesday evenings.

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WBRS was a good idea. McCall said the WBRS uses C8 Dispatch (State Police) out of New Braintree and Barre Fire uses Rutland Regional Emergency Communications Center, and a service zone plan would need to be laid out with both dispatches. Young said they had until April 1 to give a 90-day notice to opt out of their contract with Ware. The board agreed to vote on it at their March 22 meeting.

## Highway position

Highway Superintendent Martin Gryszowka made his recommendation to the board to hire Jonathan Duff, who would replace one of the recent hires that left the department. Gryszowka said Duff was interviewed during their last batch of hires and was "a good candidate, right in the top" of applicants. Quink asked if Duff had all the required licenses. Gryszowka said Duff has his hydraulics license, but only has his CDL permit for now until he can sched-

ule his test. Duff would be hired at \$19 an hour and they will revisit his pay rate once he acquires his CDL license. The board approved the hiring of Duff and gave him until Sept. 1 to get his CDL license.

## Joint letter to DPH

Young and Kemp voted to endorse the joint letter to the Department of Public Health regarding the closure of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital Emergency Facility and Outpatient Center. The letter is signed by representatives from the towns of Ware, Warren, West Brookfield and Hardwick, along with state Senator Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and State Reps. Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, and Todd Smola, R-Warren. Quink recused herself from voting as she is on the board of Baystate Wing Hospital but said she does not personally have a problem with the board endorsing the letter.

The board went into executive session at 7 p.m. regarding the police union contract.

Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

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Last week's photo was of Dick Mason checking out shirts on a rack at Nat Falk's during a Ware Merchants Sidewalk Sale. The photo ran in the May 30, 1973 edition of the Ware River News.

If anyone recognizes the people in this week's photo please send the names of those recognized and your full name to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

# 2021 Annual Town Census arriving in homes

WARE – The Annual Town Census forms should arrive soon for all households in Ware. Please take the time to review the information, make corrections, add those residents of your household not listed with a name, date of birth and occupation.

Residents should remember when they respond to the Annual Census, their information is proof of their residency should it ever be needed. The community as a whole also benefits from the census; grants and transporta-

tion reimbursement are generally based on data that is available from the census forms and used by state as well as other agencies to not only reimburse, but fund programs that benefit our community.

Due to COVID-19, please either drop off the form in the mail envelope provided and return by mailing or using the town's blue drop-box clearly marked – Town Clerk Official Business.

Instructions and information for responses are available on the

back of the form. Included in this census mailing is information on how to license a dog. Please do not include the request for a dog license, or a tax bill in this envelope.

Remember also that voter status cannot be changed on a census form; this must be done by voter registration available online at [www.ma.gov](http://www.ma.gov) – Elections and Voting. Voter registration forms are also available at the U.S. Post Office on West Street.

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said when building costs, it was good business sense not to rely on a funding source that might not stay the same. At Tuesday's meeting, he said the billable call revenue in Hardwick was down about 20% this February compared to last February, but it was possible it could rise again.

"I've always said I'm not look-

ing to make money on Hardwick, but we can't subsidize that town's ambulance service," SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney. SelectBoard member John Morrin said Ware can't absorb any of the costs associated with providing Hardwick with ambulance service.

Gagnon also said it could be a situation to help Hardwick cultivate its own ambulance service again. Hardwick opted not give

the Hardwick Rescue Squad the amount of money it was asking from the town a number of years ago, and the service has since closed. Hardwick then opted to contract with the Ware Fire Department for ambulance service.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Hardwick Town Administrator Theresa Cofske were to speak Wednesday about future contracts.

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ness has found a new location on Main Street and should be able to open.

The three cultivation businesses already approved are due to begin bringing money to the town in 2023 and 2024, according to the table, and each should be bringing in \$100,000 a year.

The table also includes \$75,000 in money from the current water reserve money.

## Special Town Meeting

At the Special Town Meeting scheduled for April 10, voters will decide whether to spend \$13.3 million for a water filtration plant, which would help solve sediment issues caused by iron and manganese in the town water system. The sediment colors the water a reddish brown, although it has improved since the Department of Public Works returned to a schedule of flushing the water pipes twice a year.

Several years ago voters approved almost \$6 million for such a plant, but the process did

not remain on track and did not go forward.

Also on the warrant will be articles to create a Water Plant Stabilization Fund to provide funds to design, construct and operate the plant as well as a request to dedicate a specific percentage of cannabis business local taxes to such a stabilization fund.

The vote to create the fund must pass by a two thirds vote and must clearly define what the purpose of the fund will be, according to a memo from Town Accountant Tracy Meehan.

A vote what percentage of the revenue to dedicate to Water Plant Stabilization Fund cannot be less than 25% of the revenue source, according to her memo.

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# Director says Ware COVID-19 numbers are stagnant

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – Health Director Judy Metcalf told the SelectBoard Tuesday that Ware is in a stagnant period with fluctuating COVID-19 numbers.

“We’re kind of going up and down,” she said, with nine new cases this past Saturday, compared to the previous three weeks that respectively saw 12, 16 and 10 cases. “We really want to see those numbers go down.”

She said she is hopeful because more people are becoming eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines, and more people will be outside and car, office and home windows will be open more due to nicer spring weather coming in April. The state still wants people to wear masks in public and there not to be any very large crowds.

Metcalf there are three variants, which are mutations of the virus. The most prevalent mutation in Massachusetts is from the UK, a second from South Africa has been identified a handful of times and as of this week, one case of the Brazilian mutation was identified. “We’ll be keeping an eye on that,” she said.

The governor will announce Thursday what the timeline is for additional groups to get vaccinated. Healthcare workers and first responders have been vaccinated. Those 75 and over and those between 65 and 74 are eligible for vaccines as are teachers and other school staff.

She also said she tried to work with Baystate Health Mary Lane to provide vaccines for residents but it didn’t work out.

Metcalf did urge residents who contract COVID-19, particularly those 60 and older, to talk to their doctor about using a new treatment that has been working incredibly well: monoclonal antibiotic IV treatment. It’s available at Wing Memorial Hospital in Palmer, she said. “It’s a miracle product,” she said.

She also recommended that Town Hall not be opened to the public yet, and to wait until April, when many more town employees become eligible for vaccines.

Metcalf also said it was safe to hold the Special Town Meetings scheduled for Saturday, April 10, particularly since holding it outside or having people remain in their vehicles is being considered.

## Nancy Curtis Scholarship available

WARE – Applications are now available for the Nancy Curtis Scholarship in the Ware, Palmer, and Belchertown Public Schools Guidance Department. Deadline for completion of the application is April 5, and should be forwarded to Mrs. Sandra Piechota, 269 Palmer Rd., Ware, MA 01082.

# Candidates for Ware Selectboard



Caitlin McCarthy

Dear neighbors, for those of you who don’t know me my name is Caitlin McCarthy and from the young age of 12, I grew up here in Ware.

With no connections or ties to any background I had to build a network and become an active member of the town by volunteering my time with cheerleading, snowboarding clubs, teaching art and becoming a farmer myself. It’s safe to say I fell in love with this old town and it’s one spotlight. I’m so grateful my life took the paths that it did to lead me here, right where I’m supposed to be.

I have traveled, I have gone to college out in Boston and lived in many beautiful beautiful towns including Salem, Shelburne Falls and Big Sky, Montana. I’ve experienced many small towns transform, which now has inspired me to transform ours, not only for me and my boys, but for the community and generations to come.

We have such beautiful resources here in town. I think I’ll be able to bring forth the art of communication that will bring us closer as a community, along with fresh and innovative ideas that can bring our up and coming town into the future, while still keeping our ties to the great history and agricultural roots.

There’s no escaping the fact that I live and breath art and I’m so proud of our art community here in Ware. Over the past few years we are really heading in the right direction with targeting the right feel for our town. I think it’s important to keep our farms and local businesses thriving along with bringing more attention to a community out reach program.

Our children are our future so as a mother, a teacher and a leader, I believe we can pull ourselves out of rough times together. I hope you’ll follow me on this journey of breathing life and togetherness back into our beautiful home.



Josh Kusnierz

My name is Josh Kusnierz and I am a candidate for Ware Selectboard. I moved to Ware in 2013, and I have come to love and respect our community. I work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Veteran Services, as a Park Foreman at the Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery. I am also chairman of my union’s chapter, a part-time employee for the Town of Ware as the Tree Warden, the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board; and I own a small landscaping business.

In my free time I am either reading or hiking the woods with my family, taking in all the natural beauty our region has to offer.

During the spring, summer and fall I enjoy tending to my landscape and vegetable gardens, and coaching youth baseball and football. I enjoy teaching children through sports, especially how and why teamwork is important and how it can be applied to everyday challenges. Teamwork and effective communication are two of the most valuable skills a person can develop. Another trait I teach through sports is respect for each other and to be humble in defeat.

I have a strong desire to give back to a community. For example, in 2006, while living in Belchertown I created the framework for Belchertown Flag Football to become a formalized nonprofit organization, complete with a full officer panel and a 13-member board of directors. The league emphasized teamwork and effective communication. Since then I have continued to seek ways to give back to my community. I continue to sharpen my skills in effective communication and learn from professional and personal experiences.

The Town of Ware has a rich, unique history. I want to make sure that we as a community never lose those the values that reflect that history and to help find ways to attract new residents and new businesses. I want to be part of a team that helps Ware develop its full potential while keeping that small town feel that we all love and appreciate.

Although I believe that conversations on social media platforms can be taken out of context and poorly convey tone, I created a Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WareSelectBoard01082>) page so that you can learn more about me as a candidate for Ware Selectman.

Honestly, I’m more comfortable talking face-to-face with people about town topics and my candidacy. Therefore, I’m happy to make the time to connect with you in person (while adhering to distancing requirements).

In closing, I promise you, the voters of Ware, to bring a new attitude and outlook to help make it the “Manor of Peace” it was set out to be long ago. I fully understand what it means to be a public servant and I respectfully ask for your vote on April 12, 2021.



Alan Whitney

I am running for my second full term as a selectman in Ware for several key reasons, including but not limited to (a) to continue improving the town as a destination for people, (b) to keep moving forward with initiatives to make town government more efficient and (c) to use the knowledge and experience I have gained to help solve three major multi-year challenges (among others) currently before the town - Mary Lane Hospital closure, new water treatment plant construction/financing and the aging sewer treatment facility.

Improving Ware as a destination. Making the town more and more attractive to new residents, businesses and day trippers includes things like continuing to make businesses feel welcome, improving the look and occupancy rate of Main street and promotion of local places and events. Bottom line - new visitors mean more spending at local businesses and new residents mean a larger tax base, potentially lowering property taxes across the board.

Also, a key goal for my next term is to strongly work on restoring access to the Quabbin. It seems one of the original purposes of the Quabbin (beyond becoming Boston’s water) was to create a “park” like environment for citizens of the surrounding town and visitors to compensate for the state taking a huge swath of Central Mass by eminent domain for people 70 miles away.

I think this has been lost, in large part, to the State’s “knee-jerk” reactions regarding “security.” It is time to start taking a close look at the accessibility changes and begin work on rolling them back to reasonable and appropriate levels.

Increasing real Quabbin access could create a major destination for sportsmen, outdoor enthusiasts

and others that could be attracted to everything the Quabbin has to offer...including residents of the town.

Keep moving forwards with making Ware government more efficient. Unfortunately, the nature of government spending is to be somewhat inefficient. I have tried to question spending that seems inefficient, unproductive or just doesn’t make sense. Bringing my background and experience managing both small teams and large business units, I am always looking for the most efficient and effective way to manage the town and accomplish our goals.

Big three challenges. Mary Lane Closure. This is a recent shock we are dealing with now. Bay State is leaving. That is a given. The question that comes behind that is: Can we get another hospital system in to take over? We have sent an initial letter to several and have received some interest. It’s too early to make any kind of predictions. I would like to help solve this challenge as we go forward.

Water treatment plant. Ware needs to build this plant. Period. The challenge is how to pay for it without dumping the entire cost, more than \$13 million, on the people that use town water. While their costs will go up, I would like to avoid having them shoulder the entire burden. Quite recently, I had the idea of using the town’s cannabis revenue (3% of sales at each location) to help offset this cost. We currently have one open retail location which has the capacity to contribute up to \$100,00/year to the town. We have one more retail location in the works and several grow/processing opportunities we are watching work through the process. The BOS is working with the Town Manager now to work up an income projection model for review and planning.

Water Treatment Plant. This is an aging facility that will need to be replaced in the next three to five years with cost estimates exceeding that of the water treatment plant. With even fewer people on town sewer than on town water, we are including these costs in the income projection model above to evaluate our options.

As people know, Ware is facing some daunting challenges in the next three years. I would like to put my experience as a Board of Selectman member, a successful business leader and town resident to use in continuing to help find and implement the best solutions.

## SelectBoard candidates forum set for March 27

WARE – There will be a Ware SelectBoard candidates’ forum on March 27, at 10 a.m., which will be recorded by Ware Community Television. There will be no audience and Ware TV will put the recorded forum online later the same day.

The four candidates are Alan Whitney, Keith Kruckas, Caitlin Maureen McCarthy and Josh Kusnierz.

The Ware River News will be developing questions and is also asking residents to send in questions they think are important to ask the candidates to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com).

A Turley Publications employee will be asking the questions, and a story about the forum will be in the April 1 edition of the Ware River News.

The Town Election is scheduled for April 12.

## Polling place returns to Town Hall

WARE – The SelectBoard voted to move the polling place back to Town Hall, at 126 Main St., from the Ware Junior Senior High School in time for the April 12 Annual Town Election.

The polls had been moved last year to WJSHS due to the downtown redesign project, which saw a lot of sidewalk construction.

Transportation will be available for those who need it if they decide to vote in person. They may call 1-413-5443401 by noon on Thursday, April 8, to arrange for pickup during polling hours by a senior van or the Quabog Connector.

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EDITORIAL

Double check alarms with your clocks

Everyone all caught up on their internal clocks after springing forward last Sunday? Well, most of our clocks now set themselves forward, but some key machines in your house don't check themselves.

Smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms are the early warning system to protect everyone in your home in the event of a fire and checking your alarms along with your clocks is the perfect time to do it.

"Working smoke alarms are key to surviving a fire. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

While winter is close to ending, there's still some cold weather left and with furnaces working hard for months keeping the interior of buildings comfortable, something may break and leak carbon monoxide; only carbon-monoxide alarms will detect the invisible gas.

Ostroskey said there are too many instances of firefighters responding to incidents and finding disabled alarms during a fire where people really needed them to work.

Smoke alarms have an average lifespan of 10 years and carbon-monoxide alarms typically last five to seven years. Anything older than 10 years should be replaced in its entirety as soon as possible. The state Fire Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have 10-year, sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries and a hush feature.

Having a functioning alarm is critical. On average, during a house fire occupants have one to three minutes to escape safely after the alarm has sounded. Any seconds lost because of an old or malfunctioning alarm can be the difference between life, serious injury or death.

"Time is your enemy in a fire. Working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible," said Ostroskey.

For seniors in need of assistance in testing, maintaining or replacing smoke alarms, the state has Senior SAFE programs standing by for 238 fire departments across the state. Seniors should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance. Last year, four out of every 10 people who died in fires last year were over 65 according to the Department of Fire Services.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE Program, please go to [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) or contact your local fire department.

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The Garden Lady tackles heirloom tomatoes

Bill, a Maryland "transplant" who continues to read the Ware River News from his new home, had this question for the Garden Lady: "My son and family think I'm Mr. Green-jeans. For Christmas they gave me a pack of "exotic" tomato seeds. Unfortunately, there are some limitations to a 15-foot by 25-foot garden plot. I would like to start some nonetheless. Here is the list: Vintage Wine, Red Zebra, Chocolate Stripes and Black from Tula. All are from a seed company by the name of Urban Gardener in Indiana. Should I bother with these?"



Wow! You posed a wonderful question, Bill, and I am sure that the title of Mr. Green-jeans must have been earned somewhere down the line to warrant such a unique gift. I assumed that with names as poetic as these, you had been given a collection of heirloom tomato seeds. I was fascinated to learn, however, that while all of these varieties are open pollinated, not all are heirloom. What is the difference?

When I consider what the definition of an heirloom is, images of grandma's china or brooch come to mind, or in my personal case, babci's water pitcher. To accurately put it into words, an heirloom is something that has been carefully passed down through the generations of a family. The same holds for heirloom plants. They aren't here by chance, typically. Someone took the time to care for them and save the seeds of their best fruits or flowers

so that they could be preserved and shared with others. To be able to save your own seed true to type, the plants need to be open pollinated, which heirlooms are. Here, pollination occurs naturally by bees, insects, animals, careful humans or the wind and the rain. Hybrids are a whole different story, whereby two plants were cross pollinated hoping to pass on specific genetic traits. The result, the third plant, is not stable. If its seeds are saved it is likely you will end up with a fruit or flower that resembles one of the parent plants.

Saving the seeds of open pollinated tomatoes is the perfect first attempt for novice seed savers. They are self-pollinating and will produce offspring true to the parent plant without having to isolate them from other tomato varieties. Other plants can be tricky, say corn, for example, which needs to be kept separate from other corn by miles to produce seed that is true to type. My first experience with heirloom tomatoes was in my early years at Old Sturbridge Village, where we grew tiny Yellow Pear, for awhile the pinkish Brandywine, and now the uniquely lobed Large Red. I remember my co-worker analyzing which Large Red tomato matched the descriptions from the mid-19th century and choosing to save the seeds of the most authentic looking fruit, thereby passing on accurate genetic traits to future crops. Neat stuff!

It was fun to read that the scarlet color of most modern day tomatoes was actually a

gene mutation that breeders discovered and bred into fruits so that they would ripen evenly. Many champions of the heirloom tomato movement argue that this was at the expense of flavor. So Bill, you have a unique opportunity to experience Vintage Wine, a whopper of a tomato, with some of the pink, striped golden fruits weighing over a pound.

Also the oh so sweet Russian heirloom Black from Tula, another large fruit that is deep purple with green shoulders sometimes described as "the ugliest, most delicious tomato ever grown." The more recent chance discovery, Red Zebra, is a beautiful cherry-red with yellow-orange stripes and a sweet, yet tart tomato flavor. How about Chocolate Stripe, a three to four-inch, exceptionally yummy mahogany colored tomato with olive striping that produces over a long period, taking third place winner for taste at the annual TomatoFest.

So yes, bother with these, enjoy complexities of flavor not found in the average red tomato and save the seed for those you like. I'd love to hear all about it!

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HISTORY MATTERS

*History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is awarded to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.*

March 16 to March 31: American Revolution, OK and March Madness

After the Revolution, everything is A-OK

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith  
Guest columnists

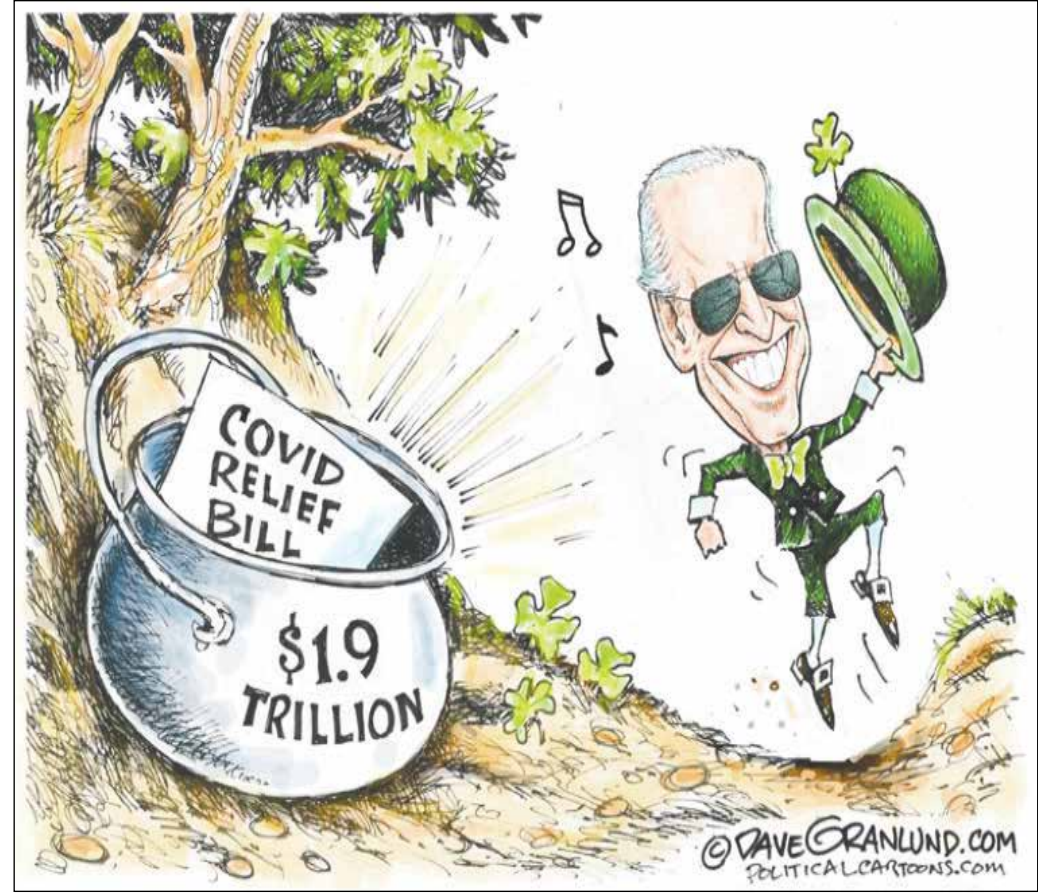
By March 22, 1765, the British, short on funds to absorb the costs of their military presence in the colonies, unloaded the Stamp Act on the overburdened citizenry. Already, they were anteing up for the sugar tax on imported goods, paying an assessment for paper money, and a quartering fee for the housing and food costs of the Redcoats.

The Stamp Tax levied a charge on everything from newspapers, and pamphlets, to playing cards, but that offense kicked off outrage and defiance. According to History.com, "They raised the issue of taxation without representation and formed societies throughout the colonies to rally against the British government and nobles who sought to exploit the colonies as a source of revenue and raw materials. By October of that year, nine of the 13 colonies sent representatives to the Stamp Act Congress, at which the colonists drafted the 'Declaration of Rights and Grievances,' a document that railed against the autocratic policies of the mercantilist British empire."

Although it was eventually rescinded, the public's pique unified the colonists, suffused them with nationalism, and, slowly, activated America's war of independence.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Stamp Act Crisis: Prologue to Revolution," by Edmund S. Morgan and Helen M. Morgan.

**Okay is created**  
Did you know that the United States does not have an official language? The Constitution does not specify one, nor is there a law which mandates the country to speak



English; most Americans have accepted it as their "mother tongue," but adapting it in a very un-British way.

Take the distinctly American "okay," which started out as an abbreviation: "OK." It was common in the mid-19th century for younger, educated men and women to deliberately misspell words for amusement. For example, the slang for "all correct" became "oll korrekt" or OK, and was sopped up in the American lexicon when the editor of the March 23, 1839 edition of the Boston Morning Post, tagged it "OK" to denote that the copy was "all correct" or—"oll korrekt."

Other newspapers replicated the abbreviation; it diffused all over the world and morphed into "the most frequently spoken word on the planet."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "OK: The Improbable Story of America's Greatest Word," by Allan Metcalf.

**March Madness**  
March Madness is overwhelming the nation. It has been that way since March 27, 1939, when the University of Oregon beat

Ohio State University 46-33 in the final game of the very first NCAA men's basketball tournament.

If the Super Bowl causes the nation to stop and focus on football for one day, the annual NCAA basketball tournament holds the attention of the nation about three weeks. It starts mid-month when the "first four"—or first round games—are played, and last until the "final four" games culminate with the selection of the two teams that will compete in the championship.

In the beginning, eight schools were invited to participate; this year, 68 will face off in the men's competition.

The inaugural women's NCAA tournament of 1982 had representation from 32 schools; the 2021 line-up will be generated from 64.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "How March Became Madness: How the NCAA Tournament Became the Greatest Sporting Event in America," by Eddie Einhorn and Ron Rapoport.

Does paying FICA tax now increase my benefit?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** If a person retires at age 66 and continues to work full time, Social Security taxes are still taken out of his weekly paycheck. Will this taxation for Social Security contribute more to the person's Social Security benefit, even if already retired? Signed: Curious Retiree

**Dear Curious Retiree:** Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has been a "pay as you go" program, where contributions from those who are working are used to pay benefits to those who are collecting Social Security benefits. That remains true even if, after you start collecting Social Security, you work and pay payroll taxes into the system.

Those Social Security payroll taxes you are contributing now aren't deposited into a personal account for you, they're used to help

pay benefits to all recipients. So, paying Social Security FICA payroll taxes after you start collecting benefits doesn't affect your benefit payment. However, what might affect your benefit amount is if your current earnings from working are more than any of those in the 35 years used to originally compute your Social Security benefit when you filed.

When you apply for Social Security benefits, Social Security adjusts every year in your lifetime earnings record for inflation to bring those earlier earnings up to today's dollar values. They then select the 35 highest-earning years over your entire lifetime, and from those 35 highest-earning years they develop your "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings" or AIME. Your AIME, in turn, is used to compute your Social Security benefit at your full retire-

ment age, or FRA.

Social Security examines your earnings every year after your earnings for the previous year are reported to Social Security by the IRS. After your benefits have started, and if your current earnings are higher, Social Security will replace an earlier year's earnings with your more recent earnings and recompute your benefit, resulting in a small benefit increase. I use the term "small" because it would represent only 1/35th of the average lifetime earnings used to compute your benefit.

A key thing to remember is that each of your past year's earnings, up until you are 60, are adjusted for inflation before computing your benefit amount. So, for example, \$25,000 earned in 1990 is worth more than \$60,000 in today's dollars, and it is the inflation-adjusted

amount that your current earnings would need to exceed increase in your benefit. I recently published an article on this topic which you may find helpful: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-does-paying-social-security-payroll-tax-increase-my-benefit/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-does-paying-social-security-payroll-tax-increase-my-benefit/).

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## The Call of Kilimanjaro with Jeff Belanger on Zoom

WARREN – On Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m., Jeff Belanger, will give an honest and engaging account of one amateur hiker's journey to spiritual transformation as he climbs 19,341 feet to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro—Africa's highest peak.

After his brother-in-law, Chris, passed away, author Jeff Belanger made the decision to take the trip of a lifetime, both in honor of Chris and in pursuit of clarity about his own life and goals. "The Call of Kilimanjaro" is a day-by-day record of Belanger's ascent to the peak of Africa's highest mountain.

is an author, podcaster, storyteller, adventurer and explorer of the unexplained. He's written more than a dozen books that have been published in six languages, he's the Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of the New England Legends series on PBS and Amazon Prime, he provides programs and lectures to audiences all over the world, and he's been the writer and researcher for every episode of Ghost Adventures on the Travel Channel.

It will be offered on Zoom and those interested should register for the event at [jeffbelanger.com](http://jeffbelanger.com).

This program is sponsored by the Warren Public Library with a grant from the Warren Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

## People can put some spring in their steps with free yoga

WARREN – Spring forth with yoga, a four-week series, will be presented on Zoom and in person at the Centered Place, 286 Bridge St. It will run from March 25 to April 15, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Let yoga melt away tension carried over from the winter and reduce stress from hardships brought about by the pandemic. Learn simple poses and moves to improve flexibility, agility, balance and poise. Take care of back aches, neck and shoulder tension, and poor digestion. Learn to relax and breathe more easily and put spring in your step and hope in your heart.

Yoga is a clinically tested tool for reducing stress and improving well-being. It will be taught by Phil Milgrom, RYT, CSYT, CSMT, who is co-director of The Centered Place <http://www.thecenteredplace.com>.

Register at the Warren Public Library by calling 413-436-7690 or email [warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com). Please indicate whether attendance will be in person or from home through Zoom. This event is free for all ages 15 and up.

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# Fiscal 2022 Quaboag School budget approved

## Budget SubCommittee will continue to eye cuts

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School Committee held its budget hearing Monday night and unanimously approved its fiscal 2022 budget, with an overall budget increase of 1.11%, according to the budget presentation made during the committee's March 8 meeting.

The total proposed budget is \$18,852,789 compared to this year's \$18,644,959, a difference of \$207,830.

The state provides the school district with state aid. In fiscal 2022, Quaboag will receive \$9,192,100, an increase of \$33,540 over this year.

The district also assesses each town in the district a certain minimum local amount, a formula created by the state, as well as a request for a contribution over the minimum amount.

Warren's assessment is expected to be \$3,809,816, an increase of \$134,078 over this year, and West Brookfield's assessment is expected to be \$3,903,420, a difference of \$178,675, over this year.

The assessments also include above the minimum contribution amounts of \$543,159 for Warren and \$374,139 for West Brookfield, which are \$30,941

and \$48,070, respectively, more than last year.

The assessments also include transportation costs, which will go up this year. Warren's share of busing for next year is \$596,115, up \$30,086 over this year, and West Brookfield's share is \$410,617, an increase of \$43,850.

West Brookfield owes no money for capital outlays to the West Brookfield Elementary School, and the Warren Community Elementary School has a payment of \$149,048 next year, compared to \$171,395 for this year, which covers a number improvements such as a new roof.

Now that it has been voted on, the budget cannot be raised, but cuts can be made.

## Budget concerns

School Committee member Greg Morse said he was concerned about the budget. "My biggest concern is the financial situation in West Brookfield," he said. He said West Brookfield was being asked to provide 15% more above its minimum than last year.

Morse also raised his concerns about relying on one-time money to fund the yearly budget, and suggested the committee make cuts to the budget.

The one-time funds include the continuation of pandemic grant money, also known as ESSER II, which will be \$740,475 next year, the intent to

prepay toward next year's special education budget with this year's funds and a future \$100,000 "insurance holiday" by the district's health insurance provider.

"My concern is that there's a lot of one-time funds, almost \$1 million," he said. By using those funds he said he was worried the district was setting itself up for future problems, and suggested the committee reduce the budget. "I think if we bring this budget to the town (West Brookfield), I think it will be DOA," he said.

School Committee member Matthew Peloquin said he had similar concerns about using one-time money but after discussing with school officials how some programs might begin paying for themselves, he was more comfortable using it.

Quaboag School Committee's Budget Subcommittee Chairman Jason Morgan urged School Committee members to reach out to him with ideas about potential budget cuts and said the subcommittee would be revisiting the budget.

The Budget Subcommittee also trimmed about \$1 million from the district before it was presented to the full School Committee on March 8, said Morgan during the March 8 meeting.

## School priorities

Among the priorities for the district for fiscal 2022 are an in-district

autism program for elementary students at West Brookfield Elementary School at \$130,000, and an in-district emotional behavioral disorder program, at \$115,000 at Warren Community Elementary School. There have been rising numbers of students on the autism spectrum and who have emotional behavioral disorders in the elementary schools, and these programs will help slow the out-of-district placement costs of such students and allow them to attend school locally.

Also in the budget is \$24,000 to expand the certified nursing assistant program and officials would like to continue the firefighting academy along with other priorities such as the early education program, school security, high school math, special education staffing, math and English tutors, athletics and band, chorus and maintaining the music program. The budget also includes \$15,000 for middle school sports for next year, which was not funded this year.

With the movement of the preschool programs from the elementary schools to the high school, it is hoped a partnership with a college or university can be developed to offer high school students early education experience. The costs for the preschool, about \$225,000, have been moved to the high school's budget.

The district's budget for fiscal 2022 is on the budget's website.

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Deanna Horn, center in back row, with her class and colleagues in her classroom after being chosen for an Excellence in Teaching Award.

# Deanna Horn receives 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award

WARE – Even though the pandemic has upended so much of our lives, we are pleased that the Excellence in Teaching Awards program will continue in 2021, just as it has every year since 2003. Thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation in partnership with the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation, exceptional teachers will again be honored across the Pioneer Valley.

This year, Deanna Horn has been selected by Ware Public Schools as the 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner. She is a kindergarten teacher at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School. She is our district's selection for this award due to the enthusiasm and dedication she exhibits every single day. With the challenges this school year has presented, she continues to push forward with a positive can-do attitude.

Her strong early literacy practices have influenced our kindergarten students, developing some amazing readers and book writers! She is an amazing colleague to work with, always sharing best practices and offering to help in any way she can. The Ware School District is lucky to have her in their learning community.

She will be honored at a virtual Celebration Excellence in Teaching Award Winners on May 6. The program features the presentation of individual awards. The winners will receive an engraved plaque and a check for \$250.

In addition, seven area colleges and universities will also offer graduate course tuition incentives and scholarships. These colleges are: Elms College, Bay Path University, Mount Holyoke College, Springfield College, Western New England University, Westfield State University and the University of Massachusetts.

Winners also receive a membership to WGBY Springfield as well as generous three-month memberships at the Springfield Jewish Community Center, the Springfield YMCA and five regional YMCAs, and other gifts.

All 2021 winners have an exciting opportunity to apply for the selective Classroom Innovator Prize of \$250 by submitting a project-based learning idea. To provide valuable information about project-based learning, especially in a distance learning environment, New England Public Media Springfield and GBH

Boston will offer a free webinar on April 1st at 7 p.m., and make available thousands of PBS Learning Media Resources. Up to 30 projects will be selected for the Classroom Innovator Prize.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is made possible by the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation in partnership with the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation.

"Today more than ever, when educators throughout Western Massachusetts have risen to the challenges of the pandemic and carry an awesome responsibility, we feel grateful to all of them and privileged to honor teachers who continuously make outstanding contributions to their schools and their students," said philanthropist Harold Grinspoon.

Other business and community support comes from Arrha Credit Union, Country Bank, Meyers Brothers Kalicka, Monson Savings Bank and American International College.

For further information about the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program, contact Program and Events Coordinator Michelle Roberts at mroberts@hgf.org.

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ant are released on public lands for hunters, and the state manages more than 226,000 acres of land. In addition to managing game species, all of the state's threatened and endangered species fall under the management of MassWildlife.

## Budget gap

For fiscal 2021, the division's revenue, according to the presentation, was roughly \$16.9 million. Fees from licenses, permits and stamps accounted for 39% of that figure or roughly \$6.6 million. Forty-eight percent, or \$8 million, came from federal wildlife and sport fish restoration funds.

State mandated expenses such as salaries and health insurance amount for 20% or nearly \$3.5 million of the \$18.4 million in expenses for fiscal 2021, more than what the Division pays for its hatcheries, which is nearly \$2.5 million, or land acquisition and maintenance, which is roughly \$2 million. Thirty-three percent, or roughly \$6 million, is used for habitat management.

"We have been very fiscally responsible," Tisa said of the management of MassWildlife, pointing to the fact that licenses haven't increased in 25 years. He said had license fees kept with the rate of inflation, hunters and anglers would be paying \$37.52 today (in addition to the \$5 wildland stamp fee).

A major issue leading to the declining revenues is the decline in hunting and sporting (combination hunting and fishing) licenses, which Tisa said is about 50 percent for hunting licenses and roughly 20 percent for sporting licenses. Additionally, the state now issues in excess of 27,000 free licenses to sportsmen and women aged 70 and older each year, resulting in a loss of about \$1 million in non-reimbursable funds.

This year alone, Tisa estimates a budget gap of \$1.5 million between revenue and expenses, which will be made up by tapping into the roughly \$9.5 million in the state's Inland Fish and Game Fund. At the current trajectory, MassWildlife will have a \$4.1 million revenue gap and deplete the balance of the Inland Fish and Game Fund by fiscal 2025.

## 'Path Forward'

"The challenge is finding a path forward," Tisa said. "We only have so many tools in our tool box," noting that the license fee structure is the one tool the Department of Fish and Game and MassWildlife controls.

Under the new proposal, residents would pay \$40 for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Sporting licenses would increase from \$40 to \$75. Archery and primitive firearms stamps would increase from \$5.10 to \$20. All other hunting stamps and permits would increase from \$5 to \$20. Additionally, MassWildlife is proposing a new stamp for pheasant and quail hunting at \$20.

"We don't like the idea at all," Tisa said. "It's unfortunate it's happening at a difficult time," but the proposal should sustain the Inland Fish and Game Fund until fiscal 2030.

Tisa and Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon said that the state legislature would need to address other changes, whether they be reimbursing for free licenses, imposing fees on other "non-consumptive" public land users like bird watchers or



Courtesy photos

Fishing and hunting license fees are scheduled to go up this year as they have not gone up in 25 years. as costs and services, and declining revenues, The state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has proposed the increases as its costs and services go up and revenues are declining. About 40,000 pheasants are raised by the state and stocked on lands across the commonwealth.

## Proposed Hunting and Fishing License Fees 2022

(Source: MassWildlife)

- Resident fishing (17 and older) - \$40
- Resident Fishing (65-69) - \$20
- Resident fishing 3-day - \$20
- Non-resident fishing - \$50
- Non-resident minor fishing (15-17) - \$8
- Non-resident 3-day fishing - \$30.50
- Resident trapping - \$40
- Resident trapping (65-69) - \$20
- Non-resident trapping - \$215
- Resident hunting - \$40
- Non-resident big game - \$112
- Non-resident small game - \$78
- Resident sporting - \$75
- Resident sporting (65-69) - \$37.50
- Trap registration number/renewal - \$20
- Archery stamp - \$20
- Primitive firearms stamp - \$20
- Waterfowl stamp - \$20
- Antlerless deer permit - \$20
- Turkey permit - \$20
- Bear permit - \$20
- Pheasant and quail stamp - \$20

Virginia, which have few trout-stocked waterbodies, nearly all of Massachusetts' freshwater resources are stocked with trout. And, unlike pheasant or quail hunters, who can easily identify a flushing pheasant or quail from a ruffed grouse or a non-game species, anglers typically have no idea what fish took the bait on the other end of the line.

"Everyone walking a dog on a wildlife management area [during hunting season] is interfering with a hunt," Norwood resident Steve Flaherty said, expressing concerns during the March 9 session. "We need somebody at the state level advocating for us."

Amidon and Tisa said they need residents to advocate the legislature for changes, whether it be funding, access or enforcement. They also reminded those on the call that should the new license fee schedule move forward, there will be public hearings. Any resident wishing to provide input on the proposals are invited to direct comment electronically at mass.gov/masswildlife-funding or by sending mail to MassWildlife re: License Fee, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

## 'Make it easy'

While he was unable to attend the information session, Chicopee sportsman Nelson Molina, who has been hunting for the last three years, expressed his frustration that the state seems to be making it harder for folks to enter the woods legally, especially those in urban communities.

"How do you make [hunting] appealing to people who have never hunted?" Molina asked, noting his own struggles as a new hunter trying to learn everything from safe firearm handling to where to go.

"I ate pheasant for the first time in my life this year and it's not as crazy people make it seem," he said.

Molina said the issue, from his perspective, is a tricky one as the state has only gotten more restrictive with gun laws and the free, mandatory hunter education (required for new hunters) courses are almost non-existent in Western Massachusetts. He said he paid to take the Texas hunter education program online because he couldn't find a course in Massachusetts that fit his schedule. He said more programs should be offered online and locally in order to remove barriers to accessibility.

"You have to make it easy," Molina said. "People don't want to do work."

## Brimfield Community Solar Project - Open to New Subscribers

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## Pioneers prepare for spring gridiron



Quarterback Jordan Talbot rears back to attempt a pass.

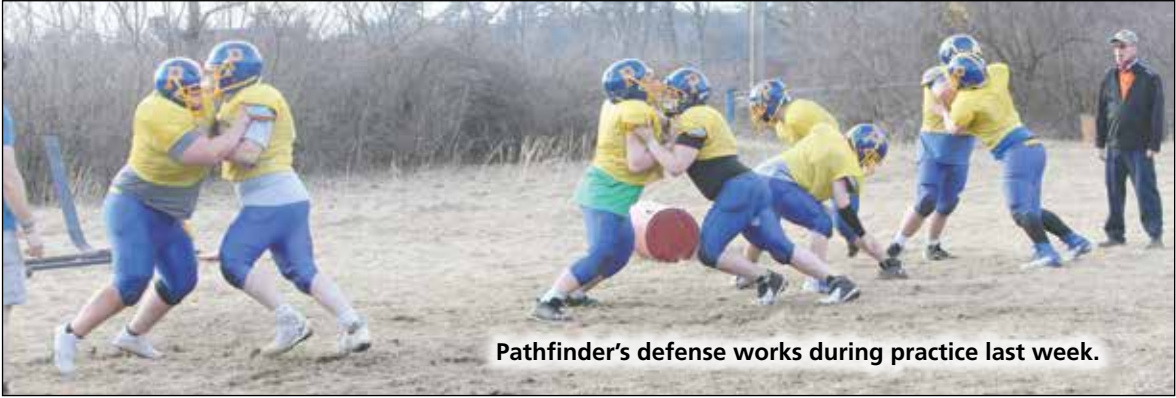
**PALMER** – The Pathfinder Regional High School football team finally took the fields this month after seeing the season delayed from the fall. Pathfinder is set to open up the season this weekend and will play a six-week campaign.



Quarterback Jordan Talbot makes a long pass attempt.



Austin Lagimoniere makes the catch on a pass.



Pathfinder's defense works during practice last week.

## Ware boys stun D1 Minnechaug

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**WARE**—If this was a normal high school basketball season, the Ware boys varsity basketball team, which competes at the Division 4 level, most likely wouldn't have faced Minnechaug Regional, a Division 1 squad, on their home court.

This was not a normal basketball season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Athletic Directors at the high school's that did play basketball this winter spent a lot of time on the phone trying to schedule games.

Ware Athletic Director Thomas Shamgochain needed to fill out his boys' schedule, so he made a call to Minnechaug Athletic Director Mike Roy looking to set-up a match-up during the final week of the season.

The Falcons played a basketball game at Ware High School for the first time in about 50 years and it wasn't an enjoyable ride home for them. The Indians, who overcame a 10-point deficit late in the first half, celebrated a 62-49 victory on Feb. 25.

"This is a great win against a Division 1 opponent for our program," said Ware head coach Gene Rich. "We also beat Amherst, who's another Division 1 school, two out of three times this season. We're

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## Sectional tournament returns in spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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**REGION** – After a year without any type of high school tournaments due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, a spring tournament is scheduled to take place in 2021.

As of now, it is believed that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will prepare for the traditional three-season format, and that traditional format will include a change to a statewide tournament and the elimination of the sectional tournament.

The 2020-2021 school was set to be the last year for the sectional tournaments after a vote last year to change the format of the tournament. Now the spring will feature sectional tournaments only following a recent vote by the MIAA.

There was an emphasis to try to bring back a tournament for the spring season after players missed out on an entire season last year and the MIAA did not want that to happen two years in a row.

The entire spring season was delayed multiple times before Gov. Charlie Baker closed down schools in late April for the remainder of the school year. The closure effectively cancelled the sport season as it was deemed not safe to play.

The MIAA thus far has gone with a four-season format, including a bubble or "wedge" season to fit sports in that were not played in the first two seasons. Known as Fall 2, a variety of sports are being played right now, though football is the primary sport being played over the next several weeks. But Belchertown and Monson are also playing basketball. South

Hadley and Southwick are among teams playing girls volleyball. Indoor track is also being played. However, there will be no tournaments played during the Fall 2 season, which is set to conclude at the end of April.

The spring season, which usually begins in mid-March and ends in mid-June, will go from the beginning of May with a cut-off of July 3 to finish the season.

In order to limit travel, the MIAA did not want to have the state tournament, and have decided sectional tournaments can take place. As of now, the tournament is set to take place at home fields of higher seeds, with no neutral sites being used. However, with the vaccination effort accelerating, restrictions could lift as the next two months progress, allowing high school sports a bit more free-

dom.

Spring sports to be played include baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys track, girls track, and boys volleyball. Wrestling is also scheduled to take place this spring.

One other caveat to the spring modifications is that teams eliminated from postseason play, can play games against other non-qualifiers through the end of the spring season.

Spring teams are used to a rushed season due to the typical unpredictable end to the winter and conditions on fields. However, with the spring sports beginning in May, field conditions should be ideal to begin games as soon as teams are ready.



The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is set to return this season.

## Quabbin Valley Baseball set to return in 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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**SOUTH HADLEY** – Last year, COVID-19 concerns caused the cancellation of several adult recreational baseball leagues.

With increasing vaccinations and protocols in place, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, a league for players 28 and over, will return with a full season beginning at the end of April.

League President Eric

Castonguay, who also serves as the athletic director at South Hadley High School, held a league-wide meeting on Sunday morning via Zoom to go over changes that will be in place to play the 2021 season and discuss the status of the six teams for the 2021 season.

The six-team league is a strictly Sunday, 10 a.m. league. All games are played at that time for 15 weeks beginning April 25 and

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Sign-ups for the league are ongoing and the league is in need of new players for the 2021 season.

## Sign-ups now open for Quabbin Area Little League

**BARRE** – The Quabbin Area Little League baseball/softball organization has announced sign-ups are now open. You can go to [www.quabbinll.com](http://www.quabbinll.com) through April 1 to sign up. The costs for baseball are as follows: T-Ball - \$50, Youth Minor - \$65, Minor Kid Pitch - \$75, and Major Kid Pitch - \$85. The softball costs are: 8U Instructional - \$50, 10U Minor Kid Pitch - \$65, 13U Major Kid Pitch - \$85. There are \$10 discounts for multiple family member registrations and financial assistance is available for those in need.

There are also volunteer opportunities available. Help the league by coaching as a head or assistant coach, volunteer to assist with field maintenance, or many other tasks that help the entirely volunteer-run organization operate. Have questions about registering or volunteering? Email [qalld3ma@gmail.com](mailto:qalld3ma@gmail.com) for more information.

## Quabbin football games to be played away on turf

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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**BARRE** – While students and fans alike are looking to Quabbin Regional High School to play football this school year, they will not get to see any of the games played at home.

This year, Quabbin will be forced to move most of their games to Gardner High School in order to play in the six-team pod they have been placed in for the shortened season, known as "Fall 2."

Athletic Director Mark Miville said this week the conditions are simply not good enough to play games at Quabbin High School's grass football field, and the decision was made to move the games to Gardner High School, which has an artificial turf field.

"All of our games will be at Gardner on their turf field," said Miville. "Our field is not going to be good enough until April to train on. It would be a mess. The only exception is our April 9 game

against Lunenburg."

Quabbin's season will not be six weeks like several other schools. The season will last just five weeks.

"We decided to go with that to allow all teams an opportunity to get enough hitting practices at the turf fields to be ready to go," said Miville.

The Fall 2 season opened up at the beginning of the month, though football practices leading up to the season typically last about 3 weeks.

The other factor in delaying the start of the season is the six-team pod. This means Quabbin has five opponents within its pod and will play each opponent one time, as is typical in a football season. With the exception of the playoff consolation games played during the past several years, teams do not typically see another team more than once.

The games taking place at Gardner or Lunenburg High School will allow fans per the restrictions recently lifted under



## Aolani Whitebear named to Simmons University dean’s list

BOSTON – Aolani Whitebear, of Ware, was named to the 2020 fall semester dean’s list at Simmons University in Boston. To qualify for dean’s list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system. Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering more than 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science.



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## LOOKING AFTER VETERANS

WARE – Left to right, Brookfield Institute and Project New Hope members Alan Jackson, Alexandra Pettrila and Chuck Lindsay, distributed food parcels to local veterans at the American Legion Post 123 on Maple Street.

## Beaver Lake Club Corporation offers scholarships

WARE – Beaver Lake Club Corporation, of Ware, announces its annual Louis H. Healy Scholarship of \$1,000 will be presented to a deserving high school senior or current college student who is from the town of Ware or who is a member of the Beaver Lake Club Community. This year the committee has been granted the ability to award two \$1,000 scholarships.

The scholarship is given in the memory of Louis Healy, a longtime and well-respected member of the Beaver Lake community and the town of Ware. He was an active leader and participant in both town and community matters, and his family and friends continue to celebrate his thoughts, ideals and memory by awarding this yearly academic scholarship.

The application deadline is April 16, and applications must be postmarked by that date. The selected recipient will be announced and the scholarships will be awarded in early June. Applications and information can be obtained by sending an email to [ctrietsch22@gmail.com](mailto:ctrietsch22@gmail.com) or by mailing a request to BLCC: PO Box 253, Ware, MA 01082.

## Amvets Post 2577 offers Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship

WARE – The Ware Amvets Post 2577 will award the annual Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship to a graduating senior residing in Ware regardless of the school district they attend. Michael Deslauriers was a devoted musician sharing his talents with the town of Ware. He represented the town at the Quabbin

Music Festival, Western District Festival and was a member of the Ware Community Band. A music graduate of Westfield State he continued to honor the veterans of the town by playing taps at their burial ceremony and also at all the patriotic and memorial events. Students who wish to apply for this award of \$1,000, need only

to send their school transcript and an essay stating their accomplishments and what their future plans are. Applications are available at school guidance offices and must be submitted by May 1. Please mail applications to Ware Amvets Post 2577, C/O Richard Rucki, 8 First Ave., Ware, MA 01082.

## Hampshire association seeking umpires

REGION – The Hampshire Franklin Baseball Umpire Association (HFBUA) is planning to conduct classes for the 2021 baseball season following all recommended COVID-19 protocols including the possibility of on-line instruction. The association covers umpiring of scholastic baseball for all of Hampshire and Franklin county schools registered under MIAA and several other baseball leagues in the area. If you are interested in umpiring baseball or obtaining further information regarding the upcoming classes please contact Roger Booth - Secretary/Treasurer of the HFBUA via email at [quilthunter@comcast.net](mailto:quilthunter@comcast.net).

## Sign-ups now available for 2021 Relics softball

LUDLOW – The Western Mass Relics has opened registration for the 2021 Senior Softball Season. The Silver Division (age 50 to 64) has filled 36 of the 112 spots and the Gold Division (65-and-up) has filled 32 of the 96 spots. The registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. All our games are played at the Fish & Game in Ludlow. For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmassrelics.org>.

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Sheehan and Blanchard told the board that town administrators usually have less authority than town managers. Since Warren does not have town charter, no specific such positions are specified. Sheehan said the town administrator acts a single point of contact for town employees, residents and those having business with the town. “The community might find it harder with volunteers like yourself, who no matter how well-intentioned, (the day-to-day town business) is a lot to ask,” Sheehan said. With a town administrator, there would be someone to focus full-time on grants, contracts and to keep an eye on all town depart-

ments, he said. That person would also help develop the budget, get ready for Town Meetings. The board briefly discussed funding the position over two fiscal years, but will talk more about it in the future. Sheehan and Blanchard said they could help the town develop a job description for a town administrator position, but could not help them fill the position. Sheehan is a town administrator in Middleton and Blanchard, a Sturbridge resident, was most recently Palmer’s town administrator but retired several years ago. Any residents willing to help with screening potential candidates in the future should contact the Board of Selectmen’s office with a letter of interest.

Nason and Richard asked Dufresne to continue to be the contact person between the board and the MMMA.

## Recreation

Susan Ramsey came before the board to ask that the Recreation Commission be allowed to hold drive-in movie nights at the Shepard Municipal Building. She estimated 50 cars at most would attend and a 20-foot by 40-foot tarp would be used on the side of the building to show the movies. She said there would also be a portable toilet on the Friday and Saturday nights movies are shown if it is approved. The commission has the money to pay for royalties to show the

# Cornerstone Bank announces promotion of Maria Salvatore

SOUTHBIDGE – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, recently promoted Maria Salvatore to a new role within executive management. Effective Jan. 1, she was elevated from senior vice president, human resources director to her new role of senior vice president, chief culture officer.

A seasoned human resource professional, Salvatore joined Cornerstone Bank in 2018 after amassing relevant banking and human resources experience from her time spent in comparable leadership roles at financial institutions throughout the commonwealth. In her previous position at Cornerstone, she was responsible for human resources, training and partnering with management to drive employee engagement. In addition, she negotiated and selected benefits programs and helped to drive company culture.

As Cornerstone’s new chief culture officer, she will build upon the foundation she laid over



Courtesy photo Maria Salvatore

the past five years, continuing to lead human resource functions while overseeing team learning and development opportunities, and facilities and project management activities. In addition, she is responsible for the management of both employee and community

relations teams. “It is a pleasure to work with a team that embraces positive change,” said Salvatore. “I look forward to embarking on this new journey within an organization that places such an emphasis on both the professional development of its employees and strengthening its ties with members of the community.” A resident of Sutton, Salvatore is a graduate of Rhode Island College and Northeastern University where she received her master’s degree in human resources. Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving residents, businesses and communities throughout Central Massachusetts. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender and SBA Preferred Lender.

# Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary announces scholarships

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has announced applications are now being accepted for their annual scholarship program. The scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending Ware, Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer Pathfinder and Wilbraham high schools who are pursuing higher education in a healthcare field. “Despite the current COVID-19 virus restrictions, limiting the group’s ability to fundraise, the Auxiliary members are proud to continue their annual tradition of

offering seven \$1000 scholarships to area students,” said Teresa Grove, Auxiliary vice president. Scholarship application information: All applications must be submitted via email by April 27. Seven, one-year scholarships will be awarded by the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in May. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be planning to pursue a career in health care and must be accepted into an accredited health care program such as nursing, medicine, physical therapy, occu-

pational therapy, radiology, pharmacy, medical technology as well as other health care-related fields. A student who is graduating from Ware, Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder or Wilbraham high schools in 2021 can apply. Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary scholarship applications are available in each school’s guidance office and will be accepted by email only. For more information, student applicants should speak to their guidance counselor.

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thankful that Minnechaug wanted to play us in our gym tonight. It was a quality basketball game.” It was a homecoming game for Minnechaug head coach Michael Orzech, who graduated from Ware High School in the early 1990’s. He was a member of the Indians basketball, football, and golf teams during his high school athletic career. One of Orzech’s teammates on the Indians basketball and football teams was Ware assistant coach Scott Slattery. Orzech is not planning to face his alma mater again either at home or away anytime soon. “Ware is an excellent basketball team this year. They just outcoached us and outplayed us in tonight’s game,” Orzech said. “Nothing against Ware, but we’re a Division 1 program and we shouldn’t be playing against a Division 4 team. We need to learn how to compete against Division 1 teams like Central, Holyoke, and Sci-Tech.” While Ware improved their season record to 9-2, the Falcons finished their season with a 3-8 mark. The only senior listed on the Falcons varsity roster is Anthony Grasso, who wasn’t one of the starters against Ware. All five of the Falcons starters in the season finale are members of the junior class and they should have a much better season next year. The Falcons leading scorer was junior Michael Pelletier, who scored 13 of his game-high 23

points during the first half. Junior’s Matt Devine and Jacob Thomas scored 8 points apiece for the visiting team. No other Minnechaug player scored more than five points in the season finale at Ware. The brother duo of John and Andrew Soltys combined to score 37 of the Indians 62 points in the home win. “Since there isn’t going to be a postseason tournament this year, we treat our games against the Division 1 opponents like playoff games,” John Soltys said. “It feels great to beat another D1 team on our homecourt.” Soltys, who’s a senior, led his team with 21 points. He was also credited with 9 rebounds and 6 steals. Andrew Soltys, who’s a junior, finished with 16 points against the Falcons. He also just missed posting a double-double with 9 rebounds and 5 assists. “Once Andrew gets going offensively, he’s very hard to stop,” John Soltys said. “Everyone played very well in tonight’s game.” John Soltys, along with senior Keith Smith (12 points) scored all 13 of the Indians first quarter points. Minnechaug, who was trailing ,13-6, in the middle of the opening quarter, reeled off eleven unanswered points during the next four minutes. The visitors would take the lead for the first time at 14-13 following a Pelletier lay-up with two minutes left in the quarter. He then

buried a 3-pointer from the right corner at the buzzer. Pelletier also scored his team’s first six points of the second quarter. With 4:20 remaining in the first half, a lay-up by freshman Emanuel Ramirez increased the Falcons lead to 25-15, which was their largest lead of the game. An inside hoop by Ware senior Dillon Slattery (10 points) closed the gap to 25-21 with a little more than two minutes remaining in the first half. Minnechaug held a 29-23 half-time lead. “I told my guys at halftime that we can’t give up 60 points and still expect to win the game,” Rich said. “We buckled down defensively during the second half.” A Slattery lay-up tied the score at 29-29 early in the third quarter. The Falcons managed to hold onto the lead for the next couple of minutes. An inside hoop by junior Caleb White and a made free throw by sophomore Chris Moreno gave the visitors from Wilbraham a slim 32-29 lead with five minutes left in the third quarter. Then the Indians took the lead for the first time since the opening quarter at 33-32 following a fast-break lay-up by John Soltys. Ware entered the final eight minutes of the contest holding a 43-36 lead. The Indians continued to pull away, as they outscored the Falcons, 19-13, during the final quarter. They sealed the deal by making five free throws during the final minute.

out, although Ramsey it would be one way in and one way out. “I think it’s a great idea, and I applaud you for taking the initiative and for thinking outside the box,” said Selectman David Dufresne. “I think it could be done safely. Any alterations made to the building would be have to be fixed when it’s (the movies) are done.”

## Other business

Selectmen turned down their right of first refusal for lot 47 on Brimfield Road as it is not useable land, although they thanked the owners for their generosity. They also approved the annual town report for 2020 and renewed a motor vehicle Class II license for Subaguru Inc.



# Fire officials ask for public’s help in preventing brush fires

Conduct open burning carefully and watch the wind

STOW – State officials are asking for the public’s help in making sure brush fires do not get out of control this year.

“Early spring is often when firefighters in New England are busy fighting brush fires. As the season changes, the winds can be strong and unpredictable,” State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said. “Please conduct open burning safely and watch the wind. Have a permit and to be ready to shut it down quickly if the weather changes.”

Drought last Summer led to many brush fires

Early spring is usually a busy time for brush fires as people rush to conduct open burning before the season ends on May 1. It is also a windy time of the year as the weather pattern changes. The snow pack has melted, but the ground is only just starting to green up and there is plenty of dry vegetation and leaves from last year to serve as tinder. Low humidity combined with dry, hot and windy conditions make it perfect for brush fires to start and to get out of control, and hard for firefighters to contain. Last April was wet, but May started a 5-month period of unusually dry weather with below average rainfall. As a result, many brush and wildland fires kept firefighters busy across the state.

Taxing firefighting resources Brush fires are labor intensive and take a long time to bring under control. Multiple brush fires can severely tax a community’s fire-fighting resources. Prevention is the best approach.

On March 9, 2020, at 12:47 p.m., the Bondsville Fire Department responded to a brush fire that started as an illegal burn. The homeowner did not pull a permit before starting to burn yard waste. The fire got out of control and burned 24 acres. Approximately 20 pieces of apparatus and 40 to 50 personnel responded to this fire. Two firefighters were injured at this fire.

On March 9, 2020, at 1:22 p.m., the Sutton Fire Department was called to a brush fire in the

woods. The fire burned for seven hours and consumed 35 acres.

On June 21, 2020, at 7:30 a.m., the Southwick Fire Department responded to a 16-acre brush fire that lasted 11 hours. A day later on June 22, at 6:30 a.m. they also responded to a 22-acre fire that lasted four hours.

On June 25, 2020, at 11:44 a.m., the Leverett Fire Department responded to a brush fire in and around Brushy Mountain. The fire burned for 34 days until it was finally extinguished, consuming 66 acres. Mutual aid was critical during the initial days of the fire.

2020 ranks in the Top 10

In 2020, Massachusetts fire departments reported 5,846 natural vegetation fires, which caused two civilian injuries, 19 firefighter injuries, and an estimated dollar loss of \$217,409; this is a 96% increase from the 2,978 incidents reported in 2019 (which was an unusually low number of brush fires). These types of fires are so weather-dependent and 2020 ranks in the top 10 years for brush fires. The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System collects data on grass fires, brush fires, wildland fires, woods fires and other outside natural vegetation fires, which we refer to generally as “brush fires.”

Don’t delay, call for help If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately. “Winds can fan the flames and fire can spread faster than a person can run,” said Ostroskey. “Use the utmost caution to prevent injury and damage to your own and your neighbor’s property.”

Conduct open burning safely

Open burning that has gotten out of control is the cause of many brush fires. Open burning season, in communities where allowed, ends on May 1. A permit is required from the local fire warden, usually the local fire chief. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable. “Weather conditions change rapidly, so watch the wind and be prepared to extinguish your brush pile. A sudden wind change is how most open burning fires get out of control,” said Ostroskey. In 2020, fire departments responded to a huge increase (49%) in unauthorized

burning and had to have owners shut them down, or extinguish those that got away from owners.

Open burning is prohibited at all times in these communities: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield and Worcester.

Department of Conservation and Recreation district fire wardens determine the fire danger rating daily, which assists local fire departments determine whether it is safe to issue burn permits. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens. Follow local procedures for using the permit on any given day.

How to safely burn brush Burn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the local fire chief).

- Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at (800) 882-1497 or visitMassAir Online to find out if it is.
- Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.
- Have fire suppression tools handy; keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose, and a shovel and a rake close by.
- An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.
- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.
- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.
- Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

## Joseph Jasiekiewicz



GILBERTVILLE – Joseph Jasiekiewicz, 95, died on March 13, 2021.



If you never had the honor of calling Joseph Jasiekiewicz “dad,” “Papa Joe” or “Dzadziu,” you were not as lucky as those that did. And, if you never had the pleasure to witness him flash his porch light as you drove away, receive one of his Drakkar Noir scented hugs, or hear one of his jokes, then your days were not nearly as bright as they could have been.

Joseph Jasiekiewicz was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on Oct. 27, 1925, and grew up on a farm in Monson. Like many of the “Great Generation,” Joseph served in the armed forces during World War II, and was sent to fight in the Pacific Theatre, where he was wounded during the Battle of Okinawa. While Joe did have the misfortune of losing a lung to the war, the military did give him the opportunity to spend some time in Hawaii, where he obtained and learned to play a ukulele (a joy he recently attempted to share with his great-grandson).

Joe will be deeply missed by his wife of over 70 years, Eva Jasiekiewicz (Auger). After his discharge from the Army, Eva “stood him up” for a blind date. But, Lady Luck was definitely on Eva’s side, when one year later, she was given a second chance to win the heart of the man everyone called “Sinatra,” when the two met at a dance at the Polish Hall in Gilbertville. The

two were married on Oct. 27, 1951, and had three sons. While raising his family, Joe worked as an auto body man and became known in the area for his workmanship and attention to detail.

In addition to his wife, Joe is survived by his loving sons (the only two in the family that were wise enough to “lose the long handle” as he said), Michael Jasik and Mark Jasik; as well as by his devoted daughters-in-law, Joyce Jasik and Lisa Jasiekiewicz-Zearfoss. “Papa Joe’s or “Dzadziu” absence will be deeply felt by his five adoring granddaughters (his “babies”), Alicia Jasiekiewicz, Amanda Dusza (Jasiekiewicz), Lacey Jasiekiewicz, Jennifer Jasik, and Kimberly Jasik. He will also be greatly missed by his great-grandson, Lukasz “the prince” Dusza, who will have to find a new supplier of jelly beans. Joseph also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, as well as his special friends, Pam and Carol, who kept Joe comfortable and showered him with love and affection during his final days.

Upon his passing, Joe was reunited with his youngest son, John K. Jasiekiewicz (d. 1999), who greeted his father at the Gates of Heaven with a long overdue embrace, and escorted him to a fun-filled reunion with all of the people and pets that Joe loved, who went before him.

Joe will be cremated, and interred at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Gilbertville. A private service will be held for the family later this spring.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is assisting Joe’s family with the final arrangements. For more information and online guest book, please visit [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

### Death notices

**Jasiekiewicz, Joseph**  
Died: March 13, 2021  
Private service to be held at later date.

**LaMay, Arthur M.**  
Died: Feb. 28, 2021  
Services to be held at later date.

## OBITUARY POLICY

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## Arthur M. LaMay



WEST BROOKFIELD – Arthur M. LaMay, 85, of West Brookfield died on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

He leaves his son, Bruce R. LaMay, and his wife, Sandra, of Warren; two grandsons, Bruce LaMay Jr., and Matthew LaMay, and his fiancé, Sabrina Fowler, and one great-grandson, Matthew Jr.; his sister, Margaret Henrichon, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Doris M. (Gratton) LaMay, in 2019. He was born in Ware, son of the late Henry and Elsie (Capper) LaMay.

Mr. LaMay is a United States

Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He worked as a printing press and coating machine operator at



Ludlow Specialty Paper Company for 36 years from 1962 to 1998. He served as President of the Union Local 708 for six years from 1970 to 1976. As an operator, he was instrumental in the production of the Polaroid Film products and was a key employee in the

expansion of what was the chart

department in the late 1970s.

Arthur was quiet by nature, and enjoyed woodworking, crafting birds and flowers. He also liked to work on cars and kept his garage organized and immaculate. Along

with Doris, they enjoyed traveling to the local casinos to try their luck.

He was a former member of the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield.

A graveside service with military honors will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, P.O. Box 371, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

## Smola announces new grant application process for local communities

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce a new resource for local communities. The Community One Stop for Growth is a single application portal and collaborative review process of community development grant programs. This process will streamline the applications process for local communities and better coordinate economic development programs and staff on engagement and grant making.

“This new system is great news for local communities,” said Smola. “Streamlining and simplifying the grant application process will give towns more opportunities to take on big projects and provide assistance to local residents.”

This one stop application process replaces how municipalities have previously applied to several major state economic development grant programs with one application portal.

For additional information please contact Smola at [Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov](mailto:Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov) or 617-722-2100.

## Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE — “The Mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together to alleviate suffering and foster hope, love, and the word of Jesus Christ among our families and neighbors, here and throughout the world.”

Imagine being a lay leader in a small, New England church and having the responsibility of preparing a Biblical message that is inspirational to carry the congregation through each week of this turbulent world in which we now live.

Deacon Marguerite Crevier spoke on Sunday, March 14 of the sacrifices that Jesus Christ made for us, and how some of us find it difficult to give up a simple thing like chocolate for Lent. She, Jennifer Pollard, and Deacon Ginny Rich are dedicated to the Tri-Parish for a worship service at least once every month.

And, now, while we search for a part-time minister, the Tri-Parish gratefully has, for a short time, the assistance of Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons. This month she will have the service on Sunday, March 28. One Sunday, March 21, Deacon Ginny Rich will be conducting the service at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. All are welcome. Social distancing and masks are required.

Flowers to decorate the church for Easter have been ordered so if anyone would like to purchase a potted lily, tulip or daffodil in memory of someone, please contact Bonnie St. Cyr at 443-835-7530. After the Easter service, plants can be brought home or delivered to shut-ins.

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16. Walk into

19. Power-producing machine

21. Part of one's character perceived by others

23. Emotionally appealed to

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25. Wrestling icon

26. Thailand's former name

27. Muscle weaknesses

30. Chooses

34. American film studio

35. Expression of satisfaction

36. Mythical winged horse

41. Ballplayers

45. Edible seaweed

46. Chinese politician

47. Tested for fertility

50. Glove worn with medieval armor

54. Basaltic lavas

55. Small shoaling fish

56. Surrendered

57. Taxi

59. Potato part

60. Female sheep

61. Trouble or difficulty

62. Put into service

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet

65. Type of student

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Frighten

2. Partner to corned beef

3. Parts

4. Agrees to a demand

5. Elected official

6. Navigator's tool

7. Relating to heat

8. Attractive

9. Wealthy US merchant

13. Engine additive

14. A passage with access only at one end

17. Midway between northeast and east

18. Cool!

20. Brazilian NBAer

22. NW Pennsylvania city

27. Young dog

28. Mimic

29. Large truck

31. The NFL's Newton

32. One and only

33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

37. Julie \_\_\_, actress

38. More nourishing

39. Compound

40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle

41. Object of fear or alarm

42. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor

43. Sacred place

44. A way to express enjoyment

47. Trigonometric function

48. A team's best pitcher

49. Intersecting points

51. Roundishly shaped

52. Adam's partner

53. God of battle (Scandinavian)

58. Human hormone



# public safety

## Ware Police Log

<b>Monday, March 8</b> 3:05 a.m. Ambulance Request Anderson Road – Referred to Other Agency 8:47 a.m. Silent, 911 Call East Street – Services Rendered 8:57 a.m. Silent, 911 Call East Street – Services Rendered 8:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Services Rendered 9:10 a.m. Ambulance Request Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered 9:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Citation Issued 9:38 a.m. Silent, 911 Call Highland Village – Services Rendered 11:19 a.m. Fire, Report Greenwich Road – Services Rendered 11:39 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Under \$1,000 2:12 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation North Street – Services Rendered 4:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Avenue – Referred to Other Agency 5:42 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:48 p.m. Missing Person Glendale Circle – Investigation Pending 6:15 p.m. Vandalism West Street – Investigation Pending 9:05 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Belchertown Road – Services Rendered	Agency 9:45 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Dale Street – Investigated, Report Filed	<b>Saturday, March 13</b> 12:18 a.m. Alarm Burglar Shoreline Drive – Services Rendered 10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Gilberto R. Santiago, 61, Ware Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle 12:06 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Belchertown Road – Services Rendered 12:29 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 1:10 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered 1:12 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000 6:35 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering North Street – Services Rendered 6:45 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Gilbertville Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge Arrest: Ryan S. Bourgeois, 27, Barre OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b> 12:42 a.m. Ambulance Request Dugan Road – Referred to Other Agency 4:46 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered 8:11 a.m. Ambulance Request Prospect Street – Services Rendered 9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning 11:28 a.m. Ambulance Request Beaver Road – Services Rendered 3:54 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Services Rendered 4:35 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Services Rendered 5:15 p.m. Investigation West Street – Investigated, Report Filed 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning 5:49 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed 7:26 p.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Maple Avenue – Services Rendered 7:27 p.m. Ambulance Request Spring Street – Services Rendered 8:46 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Referred to Other Agency 9:13 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Avenue – Referred to Other	<b>Wednesday, March 10</b> 3:29 a.m. Parking Complaint West Main Street – Citation Issued 3:38 a.m. Parking Complaint Aspen Street – Citation Issued 3:49 a.m. Parking Complaint North Street – Citation Issued 4:08 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued 2:29 p.m. Fire, Report River Road – Services Rendered 2:35 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered 4:43 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint West Street – Investigation Pending 10:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning	<b>Thursday, March 11</b> 6:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued 2:20 p.m. Fire, Report Old Gilbertville Road – Referred to Other Agency 4:11 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency 4:32 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency 5:50 p.m. Trespassing Complaint West Street – Services Rendered 7:07 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Coffey Hill Road – False Alarm 7:39 p.m. Fire, Report Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency 9:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pleasant Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
<b>Friday, March 12</b> 2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 9:25 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered 9:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning 11:41 a.m. Harassment Complaint Highland Village – Services Rendered 2:45 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency 4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Written Warning 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning 7:05 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed 7:13 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Pleasant Street – Investigated, Report Filed 11:52 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Road – Referred to	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> 7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Knox Street – Citation Issued 12:40 p.m. Trespassing Complaint North Street – Services Rendered 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 1:51 p.m. Harassment Complaint Main Street – Services Rendered 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Monroe Street – Written Warning 2:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Eddy Street – Services Rendered 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning 6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 10:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Written Warning 10:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued	<b>Sunday, March 15</b> 5:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:53 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 7:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered 9:47 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered

# public notices

<b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of <b>Country Corners Storage &amp; Realty</b> , in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage unit will be sold for non-payment on <b>Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10 a.m.</b> on the premises of <b>Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-6095</b> .  Sarah McNamee: Storage Building 6 Unit 30 03/18, 03/25/2021	Permit (SP-2021-02) for an approval earth removal operation (SP-2019-01) under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. The public is encourage to attend via digital platform <b>Zoom Meetings</b> . Go to <b>https://zoom.us/join</b> or join by phone. <b>Phone Number:</b> 929-205-6099; <b>Meeting ID:</b> 784-604-1861; <b>Password:</b> 01082. <b>SITE LOCATION:</b> Greenwich Road, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10396, Page 108. Assessor Parcel 35-12-1. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).  A complete copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning and Community Development Department webpage under recent filings or by appointment. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.	<b>BOARD</b> Richard Starodoj, Chairman 03/11, 03/18/2021
<b>Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE to be published in the SP-2021-02</b>  NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on <b>Thursday April 1, 2021 at 7:15 PM</b> on the application of Greenwich Road Realty, LLC, for an extension of Special	<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2000 Docket No. WO21P0488EA Estate of: Hazel C Turner Date of Death: October 11, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE</b>  To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner <b>Daphne E Moulton</b> of Lakeville, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  <b>Daphne E Moulton</b> of Lakeville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve <b>without surety</b> on the bond.  The estate is being	administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 03/18/2021



## Warren Police Log

<b>Sunday, March 7</b> 6:45 p.m. Fire, Investigation Boston Post Road – Fire Extinguished	10:01 a.m. Threats Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party 10:32 a.m. Seizures Chapel Street – Transported to Hospital 11:23 a.m. Breathing Difficulty Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital 5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued	<b>Monday, March 8</b> 1:57 a.m. Parking Violation North Street – Citation Issued 2:01 a.m. Parking Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued 3:19 a.m. Parking Violation Pine Street – Parking Citation Issued 3:24 a.m. Parking Violation Washington Street – Parking Citation Issued 1:28 p.m. Stroke (CVA) Main Street – Transported to Hospital 3:53 p.m. Falls Main Street – Transported to Hospital 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning 4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued 10:09 p.m. Parking Violation Prospect Street – Parking Citation Issued
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b> 1:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Written Warning	<b>Wednesday, March 10</b> 6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 1:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 1:50 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Trudeau Drive – Report Filed 10:20 a.m. Serve Warrant Main Street – Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Catrina L. Lanier, 34, West Warren Warrant 3:24 p.m. Life Alert Keys Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal 3:46 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires Comins Pond Road – Fire Extinguished 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 8:05 p.m. Falls Main Street – Transported to Hospital	<b>Friday, March 12</b> 2:03 p.m. Safety Concern Ware Road – Officer Advised
<b>Saturday, March 13</b> 5:42 a.m. Officer Wanted Main Street – Investigated 11:56 a.m. Brush and Wildland Fires Southbridge Road – Fire Extinguished 2:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity Dean Street – Report Filed 4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Citation Issued	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> 7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Knox Street – Citation Issued 12:40 p.m. Trespassing Complaint North Street – Services Rendered 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 1:51 p.m. Harassment Complaint Main Street – Services Rendered 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Monroe Street – Written Warning 2:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Eddy Street – Services Rendered 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning 6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Criminal Complaint Issued 10:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Written Warning 10:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued	<b>Sunday, March 15</b> 5:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:53 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 7:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered 9:47 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered

## Hardwick Police Log

<i>For the week of March 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 79 building/property checks, 10 emergency 911 calls, nine radar patrols, one vandalism, one trespass, three animal calls, 12 traffic controls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.</i>	<b>Wednesday, March 10</b> 9:58 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Collins Road – Services Rendered 12:46 p.m. Phone – Trespass Turkey Street – Gone On Arrival 3 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Main Street – Gone On Arrival 3:37 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Investigated 10:53 p.m. Phone – Complaint Hardwick Road – Spoken To 10:54 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Ruggles Street – Negative Contact	<b>Friday, March 12</b> 1:30 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital 4:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
<b>Monday, March 8</b> 2:05 p.m. Phone – Complaint Petersham Road – Spoken To 8:10 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Investigated	<b>Thursday, March 11</b> 4:20 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Collins Road – Services Rendered 6:31 p.m. Radio – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Bridge Street – Services Rendered 7:57 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital	<b>Saturday, March 13</b> 9:55 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Summons Issued 3:21 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b> 2:06 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Barre Road – Services Rendered 2:10 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> 12:37 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital 3:53 p.m. 911 – Lockout Church Lane – Services Rendered 6:22 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Spoken To	<b>Sunday, March 15</b> 5:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:53 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 7:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered 9:47 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

<i>For the week of March 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 25 building/property checks, eight radar assignments, four motor vehicle stop, 31 directed/area patrols, three traffic controls, one trespass, one harassment, one scam, one fraud, one larceny/theft/shoplifting and three emergency 911 calls in the town of New Braintree.</i>	1:13 p.m. Phone – Scam West Road – Spoken To 5:51 p.m. Initiated – Fraud Barre Road – Officer Handled	9:23 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard 11:18 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Sibley Road – Extinguished
<b>Monday, March 8</b> 11:18 a.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Unitas Road – No Action Required 12:27 p.m. Other – Trespass West Brookfield Road – Officer Handled	<b>Thursday, March 11</b> 4:42 p.m. 911 – Misdiagonal Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered 6:43 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Worcester Road – Services Rendered 10:24 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Oakham Road – Transported to Hospital	<b>Saturday, March 13</b> 1:21 a.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard 7:36 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital
<b>Friday, March 12</b> 5:20 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Summons Issued	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> 8:29 p.m. Initiated – Harassment Wine Road – Investigated	<b>Sunday, March 15</b> 5:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency 5:53 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered 7:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered 9:47 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered

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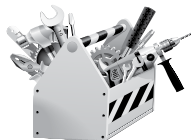
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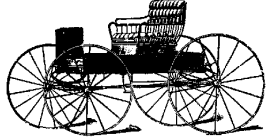
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